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9 p.m.—Grand Boxing Tournament at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, December 10—
2 p.m.—Bazaar at the City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, December 11—
11 a.m.—Auction of Sundries, at R. E. Yard (opposite the Naval Yard).

1 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., at the Company's Hotel.

1 p.m.—Local Banks close.

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DEATH.

Between Aden and Perim, on 9th October, PETER CALENDER, late of Chefco.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1901.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

THE Colony is passing through one of its EVERLASTING periodic spasms. This time it is the domestic SERVANT problem that is troubling the European residents.

The insolence and independence which led to the appointment of a Commission by His Excellency the Governor to enquire into the chair and jinnicksha coolie question finds a parallel in the domestic servant class. In fact, it is considered by many that an enquiry into the domestic servants, by whom we mean the 'boys' cooks and coolies employed in European houses, should have preceded the other, and it is the generally expressed opinion that any registration scheme brought in should begin with the domestic servants. These are the servants most responsible for petty larcenies in the Colony. Although their living expenses are practically not affected by any appreciation of house rentals, &c., their wages are steadily on the increase, and we hear on every hand that coincident with the increase in wages the quality of the service is deteriorating. Registration of domestic servants would be a great aid to the police in tracing criminals, who, at present, go from house to house and enrich themselves at the expense of their employers. A year or two ago, a large sum of money disappeared from the house of a European. The house boy was suspected, but nothing could be proved against him, and shortly after he left the Colony and remained away until quite recently. He had no difficulty in obtaining employment again, and again a large sum of money disappeared mysteriously. When the police were called in they recognised the boy as a previous suspect; but again nothing could be proved against him. He is still in the Colony, and, for all we know, may now be a house boy with some of our readers. Under a system of registration, a suspicious character of this sort would find the greatest difficulty in obtaining employment.

In another case, an employer gave a house boy a large sum of money to pay the compradore's collector. The account was returned duly receipted, and on the following morning the boy was given sick leave. In his absence, it was discovered that he had misappropriated the money. He had no difficulty in obtaining employment elsewhere in the Colony. Here he was recognised by a friend of the first victim, who was duly informed while the then employer was also warned. The thief was clever enough to see that his game was up where he was, and before the police were informed of his whereabouts he had taken French leave. He had also taken some gold jewellery and silverware. He has succeeded in eluding the police, and is believed to be still in the Colony—probably in the house of some of our readers, possibly with some of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Under a registration scheme he could not obtain employment as a domestic servant, and the European community would be protected from one thief at least. We understand there are servants clubs in the Colony which are nothing more nor less than clubs for the promotion of stealing. One of these was visited by the police yesterday in Austin Road, Kowloon. The police found a quantity of provisions, evidently collected from European houses by the 'boys' and coolies frequenting the place—onions, potatoes, fruit, tea, sugar, tins of butter, &c., &c. The theory is that the 'boys' steal from their European employers small quantities of articles of diet, and bachelors' messes are probably the heaviest sufferers. Value is given by the managers of the Club, and in due course, when a servant is sent with money to purchase supplies he gets what he can from the club, at a reduced price of course, and then gambles his ill-gotten gains. In the possession of

one of the frequenters of the Austin Road club was found a number of keys, one of which opened the sideboard of a Kowloon resident. As the sideboard contained a large quantity of silverware, it is safe to infer that it was intended that that silverware should 'makee walkies' at the earliest opportunity. The knowledge of facts like these lends zest to life in Hongkong. It must be pleasant to those who are the fortunate possessors of large quantities of valuable jewellery and plate to reflect that every time they leave their house to the tender mercies of their servants they run a risk of being robbed of it all. Registration would not make domestic servants honest; but it would make it difficult for those who are known to be insolent or dishonest to obtain employment, and would thus act as a welcome deterrent on criminals. We have given only two examples of the case with which known criminals can go from house to house victimising their employers. Doubtless, many more instances are within the knowledge of our readers. Does the Government intend to introduce a registration scheme?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The Sultan of Turkey is 61 years of age.

Adulterating milk with rice water is becoming common at Penang.

Japan, a week ago, was experiencing severe cold and snowstorms.

The wreck of the steamer *Amherst* at Kuala Pahang has been sold for \$1700.

The transport *Wright* struck a rock on Ramon Island and went to the bottom. Crew and cargo were saved.

The great American feast of Thanksgiving was celebrated with much eclat in Manila.

The *Balkan Maru*, belonging to the China S. S. Co., Ltd. of Canton and Hongkong, makes her trial trip round the Island on Sunday.

Two steamers and a junk were wrecked off the coast of Fukaura, in Japan, in a snowstorm on the 24th ult. Six sailors and five passengers were drowned.

At two o'clock in the morning, on the 29th ult., during the height of festivities, at the Parian Police Station, seven desperate prisoners escaped.

The Huio consular had a sharp engagement in the mountains near Almadian on the 26th ult. Two drovies were killed, two wounded and ten captured.

The Japanese Government is selling its 50 million yen of Chinese Indemnity bonds to the Postal Savings Bank Bureau for 40 million yen, of which two millions go to pay private claims.

The newly-formed Straits Chinese Volunteer Company commenced drill at Singapore on the 28th ult. More Chinese are desirous of becoming volunteers, but the strength of the experimental company is limited meanwhile.

Commenting on the work of the Shanghai-Hongkong Building, Loan and Investment Co. at Shanghai, the *Straits Times* says:—Here, the house-occupiers have to submit tansies to all the exactions of landlords. The idea which has met with such favour at Shanghai has been suggested here, time and again, but none of the tenants have shown any disposition to really help themselves in the matter until very recently. The system it is needless to say, has been in vogue for years in England and the United States—especially the latter country. We understand that the system, or one very similar, will probably be tried here at an early date.

The Noble Art.

Mr Lacock's cup, the entries for which are filling rapidly, will most likely be keenly contested, as such a handsome trophy deserves to be. Unfortunately, heavyweights are at a discount in the Colony just now, so that Ganner Leonard's challenge will have to go unanswered. Among the light-weight class, ready and willing to step a train if nothing else offers, are Sekman Carter, H.M.S. Blekenheim, P. Keogh, A.D., H.M.S. Aurora, and Ganner Harvey. R.M.A. The contest is to be four three-minute rounds, Marquis of Queensberry Rules. Both men being on their feet at the end of the fourth round, the referee's decision will be given on points. We hear that a number of local sports are thinking of organising an athletic club to be called the Olympia, for which purpose the following have given, been selected to float the concern:—President, J. Christie; Manager, J. H. Downes; Referee, Mike Collins; Official Time Keeper, Mr Frost; Secretary, W. Musket. This combination should be able to arrange some good things here on.

Mamma. Who dwelt in the Garden of Eden? Freddie. Oh, I know, the Adamites.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

N.Y.K. Dividend.

A dividend of 10 per cent, with a bonus of 2 per cent, was declared at the half-yearly meeting of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha on the 27th ult.

Another Hint to Hongkong.

It is proposed that the Selangor Government should start an experimental farm and fatten stock thereon for the Kuala Lumpur market, and thus check the steady rise in the price of meat there.

The Hongkong Regiment.

The Douglas steamer *Matchless* is expected to arrive to-morrow with the Hongkong Regiment and details. We shall be glad to see our 'very own' back in our midst again after the trying times they have spent up North since early last year.

Steamer Ashore.

The *N.C. Daily News* of the 3rd inst. says:—We regret to hear that the new British steamer *Sutherland*, Captain Wallace, 2,277 tons register, which left Portland, Oregon, on the 15th of October with a cargo of lumber, is ashore in a critical position in the outer harbour at Taigtau.

Japanese Cigarettes.

Investigations made by the Kobo Customs House show that the value of the cigarettes exported from Kobe from July to the 23rd November amounted in value to yen 766,887. The principal destinations are British India, China and Hongkong. The export showed a marked increase in October, when the value reached yen 413,306. This is due to the large imports made by Chinese dealers in anticipation of the operation of the new Chinese Customs Tariff. The activity so caused continued till about the 6th November.

Yen Taotai Applies for Soldiers.

According to an Amoy despatch, Yen Taotai of that port has recently represented to Viceroy Hsu Ying-kai of Foochow that the fact that the incumbent of the post, now held by him, his hitherto had no 'braves' at his command and disposal has caused him a great deal of inconvenience lately, as he often fights frequently take place among the villages within his jurisdiction and he has to apply to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief for the despatch of troops to the scene of strife as often as these lawless contests are reported to him. Thus a great deal of time is often wasted and peace cannot be restored as quickly as is desired by him. He, therefore, suggests that for the future an adequate body guard be accorded to him so that he may readily employ them for services whenever required. The Viceroy has followed this reasonable advice by ordering the Taotai to enlist 100 men as his body guard. Accordingly the Taotai issues a proclamation inviting people of a strong physical constitution to come to his service.

The Shanghai Cotton Mills.

In a very optimistic article on the comparative failure of the Cotton Spinning Mills at Shanghai, the *Mercury* says:—Of the other mills there is no need to speak at the moment. They are not so immediately threatened, though as the shareholders know only too well their stock has depreciated in sympathy with that of the others. Past experience has made men doubtful of prophecy and the prophets doubtful of themselves. Hence we find little being said of the future. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof is the prevailing sentiment amongst a considerable portion of the community, though there are not lacking sanguine spirits whose rôle in life seems to be to watch for the blackest clouds in order to lift their fringe and peer behind for the silver lining. One thing is certain, Shanghai has now got what she never had before, practical experience in the running of cotton mills of Chinese soil. It is experience that has been bought at steadily increasing prices, and whatever else is lost that will remain and possibly may prove a priceless legacy, if not to those who have paid for it then to somebody else. In the future we may confidently expect to find the old mistakes avoided, the old difficulties overcome, and old dangers triumphantly felled. We are still of opinion that there is a great future for cotton spinning in Shanghai. The raw material grows in close proximity to the mills, there is the cheapest of cheap transportation, and with cheap coal which, nearly opened mines up-river should provide, with better mill-hand, a combination in buying the additional duty on imports, peace at home and abroad, the greater opening up of the Chinese Empire, and generally the ever-increasing volume of trade everywhere, it would be strange indeed if cotton mills did not succeed. We may hope that the worst will soon be over and the era of prosperity begun.

RHEUMATISM.

My son has been troubled with Rheumatism. Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil was recommended to him and it has helped him wonderfully. He looks much better and his appetite has improved. He has only taken three bottles. I have spoken to several people about it.

Mrs. SIMONSON,
123, Hill St., Oak Grove Village.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Hongkong Christian Union.

The weekly prayer meeting will be held on Monday evening in Union Church Hall at 5.15 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Franco will preside.

Empire Comedy Company.

The last of the excellent series of entertainments provided by this admirable Company, which have tended to make our evenings so pleasant of late, takes place to-night. The cold weather has had a bad effect on the attendances these past few nights, but it is hoped that a bumper house will turn out to-night to give the Company a good send-off.

Chinese Telegraph System.

As a consequence of the recent inundations of the Yangtze Kiang, the telegraph poles along that river have sustained great damage. H.E. Sheng Taotai, Director-General of the Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration, has, therefore, detailed a large number of telegraph experts to all the places where the poles have been reported to be out of order, to restore them to their original good condition.

Theft off the 'Empress'.

To-day, before Mr Kemp, Chan San, pantry boy, on board the *Empress of Japan*, was charged with stealing a bag of rice, two bars of soap, some sashes, anchovies, &c. It appears that Constable No. 23 overhauled a sampan, which had just left the *Empress*, and found the goods mentioned in the possession of the prisoner. Prisoner ingeniously said that they were goods which the passengers had saved off their allowances on the voyage and had sold to him at a cheap rate. Mr Kemp refused to credit this tale, and the prisoner was sent to goal for six weeks with hard labour.

Shipping Activity at Vladivostok.

A report from Mr Kawakami, the Japanese Commercial Agent at Vladivostok, states that on the Trans-Siberian and the East China Railways being completed, the Russian marine transport business will increase rapidly. From the beginning of this year Europeans and Americans have been constantly visiting Vladivostok to inspect the harbour and the coast. The Russians have some fear that the marine transport business will get into the hands of foreigners, and they are now actively engaged in making preparations for promoting shipping business at Vladivostok. The East China Railway Company is said to have under contemplation a scheme to open a service between America and Vladivostok with two of the company's steamers. A Vladivostok paper, in its issue of the 10th Nov., strongly urged the necessity of such a service being immediately opened.

A Beachcomber's Paradise.

Japan must surely be regarded as a paradise for beachcombers, to judge from their affection for the land. There are said to be about fifty at Nagasaki, many of them deserters from the American transports. Whether this is an exaggeration or not we do not know (says *Kobe Chronicle*), but we have quite enough in Kobe. The police regard the Seamen's Institute as the natural place of such men, and a day or two ago a policeman was seen showing two new arrivals to Kobe into the Institute by the back way. Where men are really deserting and the victims of misfortune, it should be the last to prevent them from receiving help, but unfortunately many of the men who take up the life of a beachcomber and beg from residents do so from an objection to work of any kind. The Japanese would do well to copy the Hongkong law with regard to the landing of destitute persons in Japan.

Masonic Installation.

A cold supper and smoking concert were given last night in the Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, by the members of the Naval and Military Lodge, No. 848 S.O. There was a very large gathering, about 150 gentlemen being present. The installation ceremony was performed by Deputy District Grand Master E. C. Ray, and among others present were the following: Past Masters, Worshipful Brothers Farmer, Howdell, Bridger, Crombie, Hall and Lochead. The officers installed were—Right Worshipful Master Wor. Bro. H. Hooley, P. M.; Deputy Master, Worshipful Bro. T. Spafford; Wor. Senior Warden, Bro. W. E. Claret; Wor. Junior Warden, Bro. P. D. Hyett; Treasurer, Bro. W. E. Priest; Secretary, Wor. Bro. F. Howell; Senior Deacon, Bro. G. Mackie; Junior Deacon, Bro. T. Moore; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. H. M. Pyke; Organist, Bro. R. T. Salt; Steward, Bro. S. Acland; Inner Guard, Bro. H. Woodward; Tyler, Bro. J. Marshall. The ceremony over, an excellent musical programme livened the proceedings. The vocalists included Messrs F. E. Viggers, G. Wallis, G. Simmers, F. Browne, J. Oxberry, H. A. Ward, F. G. Whittick and W. J. Terrill, nearly all of whom are well known in Hongkong for their talents in the musical line. Mr. H. M. Pyke contributed a recitation. The different items on a long programme were much appreciated, and a highly successful evening came to a close all too early. Mr. G. Megham deserves credit for accompanying the singers. An excellent cold supper was much enjoyed. Messrs. Howell, Viggers and Simmers were responsible for the excellent arrangements.

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

SHIPPING ACCIDENT.

ARRATOON APCAR RUNS DOWN SINGAPORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, December 7, 2.30 p.m.
At an early hour to-day, the steamer *Arratoon* APCAR collided with the Tanjong Pagar Wharf. She penetrated the wharf for thirty feet and wrecked a godown. The steamer herself is apparently uninjured.

THE JAPANESE AT CHUNGKING.

PROGRESS IN HUNAN PROVINCE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, December 6.

The Japanese authorities have marked out the boundaries of their Settlement at Chungking.

The Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs authorities are opening post offices at Changsha, Changsha, Shanghai and other towns in the Province of Hunan.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL.

LONDON, 6th December, 1901.

The report of the United States Canal Commission favours the Nicaragua route, taking eight years to construct, and costing one hundred and ninety million dollars. The report at the same time admits many advantages of the Panama route.

SOUTH AFRICA—IMPORTANT CAPTURES.

LONDON, 6th December, 1901.

Three jaguars were surprised, and 250 Boers captured in the Transvaal yesterday.

QUEEN WILHELMINA AND HER HUSBAND.

PRINCE HENRY HAS RETURNED TO THE HAGUE, and his relations with Queen Wilhelmina have been resumed.

[N.C. DAILY NEWS' SPECIAL.]

THE MANCHURIAN AGREEMENT.

PEKING, December 2.

The discussion of the Manchurian question was opened on the 30th ult. between Prince Ching and the Russian Minister, M. Lessar, but the Prince thinks there to be such an important question, and there are so many points to be reconsidered, that he has asked for a few days' delay.

THE CHINESE COURT.

According to a telegram from the Grand Council, the Emperor and Empress Dowager have postponed their departure until the 4th of December, and are expected to stay at Peking for ten days.

THE TIENTSIN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

H.E. Yuan Shih-kai, the new Viceroy of Chihli, is expected at Peking to-morrow, and will consult with the Foreign Representatives as to the discontinuance of the Tientsin Provisional Government as soon as he arrives.

TYPHOON WARNING.

Mr W. A. Rublee, U.S. Consul-General, sends the following information:

Manila Observatory, Dec. 7, 1901.

3.45 o'clock p.m.

The typhoon S.S.E. of Manila lying in Sulu Sea probably recurring.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C. V. AN ARMY XI.

There was little interest taken in this match, only a small turn-out of spectators watching the game. The Club finishing was exorable, Clapham giving at least seven unaccepted chances. The following is the Army score:—

GARRISON XI.	
Capt. Radcliffe, c. Cossay, b. Reinhold.	26
Pte. Freedy, c. Sercombe Smith, b. Reinhold.	14
Capt. Clapham, c. Wood, b. Sercombe Smith.	55
Q. M. S. James, b. Reinhold.	1
Major Burtford, b. Wood, c. Sercombe Smith.	48
Sgt. Hayward, c. Sercombe Smith.	10
S. Sgt. Meader, did not bat.	0
Major Dorehill, c. Cossay, b. Sercombe Smith.	0
G. E. Edmondson, c. Wood, b. Reinhold.	17
J. T. Venable, b. Mackenzie.	7
C. W. Dale, not out.	0
Extras.	11
Total.	139

News from the Philippines.

Major General Wheaton has been placed in command in the Island of Luzon, and it is expected that the disturbances there will now be of short duration.

Governor Taft, having been in bad health lately, leaves Manila on or about Tuesday for the States to recuperate. It is expected that he will not return till May next.

